

City of Milton Newsletter

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Winter Reminders



The City wants to remind community members about winter related ordinances:

Sidewalks: After every snowfall, all sidewalks must be cleared regardless of the amount of

accumulation. Residential properties have 60 hours to clear the sidewalks, and business properties have 24 hours to clear the sidewalks.

Parking: No vehicle may be left parked on the street or in a municipal parking lot after a snowfall of 1.5 inches or greater. Vehicles may not be

returned to the street or a municipal parking lot until after the snow has been removed or plowed to the curbline. In business districts, the Police Department will tow any vehicle in violation once the plows begin working in those areas. In both downtown areas, there are limited, designated parking spots where you can park overnight if snow accumulates over 1.5 inches.

Salted Sand: Salted sand is available to pick up at the Public Works Garage, 150 Northside Drive.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at (608) 868-6914 or the Milton Police Department at (608) 868-6910.

The U.S. Census Bureau is Hiring in Our Area

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring temporary positions for the 2020 Census in our area.

You can help the Census Bureau reach their goal to ensure everyone is counted in the 2020 Census. Census counts have a huge impact on our community. The 2020 Census data will be used to determine how more than \$675 billion from more

than 100 government programs are distributed. The data influence choices made about which roads are fixed, where schools are built and businesses opened, what medical services are offered, and more.

If you're interested, please visit the Census Bureau job site to apply 2020census.gov/jobs.

Message from the Wastewater and Stormwater Utilities

The Wastewater and Stormwater Utilities are asking community members to be aware of the types of products they are pouring down the drains in their homes or businesses.

Staff recently reported higher levels than normal of phosphorus in wastewater coming from homes and businesses to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be treated. These elevated levels of phosphorous do not impact the City's drinking water.

The potential cause for this could be high concentration cleaning detergents or other products with high levels of phosphorous being disposed of through the wastewater system.

The plant is required to meet discharge limits for phosphorous set by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and additional phosphorus, like what the plant has been experiencing, creates additional strain on the plant.

If the plant continually experiences these types of phosphorous levels, costly upgrades to the system may be needed.

Higher levels of phosphorous being discharged into our natural water ways can also increase aquatic plant and algae growth. This can have negative effects on recreational use, property values, and public health. The City's clean water from the plant is piped to the Rock River.

Check the labels of the products in your home or business before disposal. If you have items with high levels of phosphorous or other hazardous chemicals, one resource to dispose of these is through the Rock County Clean Sweep Program. Information about this program is available on the Rock County website (www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-clean-sweep).

If you have any questions, please contact the Wastewater Utility at (608) 868-6918.

Important Dates to Remember:

Dog & Cat Licenses Due:

- April 1
- \$10 late fee assessed per animal after April 1

Property Taxes:

• First installments are due by January 31 to the Rock County Treasurer, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545.

2020 Elections:

- Spring Primary February 18
- Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary – April 7
- Partisan Primary August 11
- General and Presidential Election November 3

2020 Census

• Census Day - April 1

Christmas Tree Collection:

- January 1-31
- Place trees at the terrace. Collection occurs as time and weather allow.

Winter Refuse / Recycling Collection:

Please remove snow from an area on the terrace for your refuse and recycling containers during collection. During large snow events, plows often hit containers in the streets or have to go around them leaving large snow piles in the street.

City of Milton Department Phone Numbers:

City Hall - 868-6900 Fire Dept.: 868-2842 Library - 868-7462 Police Dept. -868-6910 Public Works -868-6914



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Upcoming Milton Public Library Programs

Red Cross Youth Club

January 27, and February 17 at 4 p.m.

The Milton Red Cross Club is an extension of our local Red Cross unit and involves multiple service projects, fundraising, helping with humanitarian crises, and overall volunteering for the better good of our community. Through our mission-related activities, we strive to make our community a better place! For ages 13 to 18. For more information, please contact Library Director Ashlee Kunkel at kunkel.ashlee@als.lib.wi.us

Author Visit: Dr. Alecia Arn Tuesday, January 28 at 6 p.m.

Come and meet Dr. Alecia Arn, co-author of *Wake Up: The Happy Brain* and learn about regenerative medicine. Regenerative medicine leverages your body's innate healing mechanisms and generates new, healthy tissue through mesenchymal stem cells. For adult audiences. Please register.

Glo Germ Science Experiments Wednesday, February 12, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Calling all kid scientists! Let's makes some germs glow to see how well we wash table surfaces, door knobs, and (gulp!) our hands. We'll experiment with mold, bacteria, and fungus. Ages 9-12. Registration required.

Birds of Prey presented by Hoo's Woods Raptor Center

Saturday, February 15, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.



Dianne Moller, founder of Hoo's Woods Raptor Center, will visit MPL with a bald eagle and three other raptors! Learn the behaviors of these birds of prey, how

changes to the environment affect their survival, and what we can do to help them. Ages 5 and up. No registration required.

For more programs, please visit the Milton Public Library website at www.miltonpubliclibrary.org.

Register to Vote!

There will be four elections in 2020, including the presidential preference vote in April and the presidential election in November. These are typically the busiest elections for the City of Milton.

Although voters can <u>register on the day of the election</u>, it's a good idea to register ahead of time to avoid any issues on Election Day (i.e. incorrect type of voter ID, no proof of residence, etc.). This will also result in a faster voting experience for you.

Voters can check on their registration on www.myvote.wi.gov or by contacting City Clerk Leanne Schroeder at (608) 868-6900 ext. 2 or by email at lschroeder@milton-wi.gov.

Voters can <u>register to vote in person at City Hall</u>, 710 S. Janesville Street, anytime now through the Friday before an election. Please make sure to bring proof of residence when you come to register. This could simply be a current address on your Wisconsin Driver License.

Voters can also <u>register to vote online</u> until 20 days before an election at www.myvote.wi.gov if they have a current driver license. When registering online, the license is checked against Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) records so there is no need to provide additional proof of residence.

Finally, voters can <u>register to vote by mail</u> until 20 days before an election. The application is available on the City's website. Please include a copy of an acceptable proof of residence. Again, this could be a copy of your driver license with a current address or a utility bill.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact City Clerk Leanne Schroeder.



Go to MyVote to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and view a sample ballot.

www.myvote.wi.gov

City Meeting Schedule:

- January 21, 4 p.m.– Plan Commission
- January 21, 6 p.m. Common Council
- January 22, 7 p.m. Joint Fire Commission
- January 27, 2:30 p.m. Community Development Authority
- February 3, 6:30 p.m. Library Board
- February 4, 4 p.m. Plan Commission
- February 4, 5 p.m. Public Works Committee
- February 4, 6 p.m. Common Council
- February 5, 5:30 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission
- February 12, 6 p.m. Police Commission
- February 17, 6 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission
- February 18, 6 p.m. Common Council
- February 19, 7 p.m. Joint Fire Commission
- March 2, 6:30 p.m. Library Board
- March 3, 4 p.m. Plan Commission
- March 3, 6 p.m. –
 Common Council
- March 4, 5:30 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission
- March 16, 6 p.m. Parks
 & Recreation
 Commission.
- March 17, 6 p.m. Common Council
- March 18, 7 p.m. Joint Fire Commission

Dates and times for meetings may change. All agendas and minutes are posted on the City of Milton website.